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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**ANTHONY J. JENKINS TO BE SWORN IN AS  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**

The United States Attorney's Office announced today that **ANTHONY J. JENKINS** will be sworn in as United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands in a ceremony on Thursday, July 21, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ron deLugo Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

Attorney Jenkins was nominated by President George W. Bush on February 17, 2005 as the United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands and confirmed by the U.S. Senate on June 8, 2005. Prior to his nomination, Attorney Jenkins had been serving as Acting United States Attorney, replacing former U.S. Attorney David M. Nissman who resigned in August 2004. Attorney Jenkins has been a federal prosecutor for more than fifteen (15) years. Of those 15 years, ten (10) of them were spent in the Northern District of Florida, the Tallahassee area, where he primarily prosecuted drug offenses before relocating to the Virgin Islands in September 2000 as an Assistant U.S. Attorney on St. Thomas.

Before becoming Acting U.S. Attorney in August 2004, Attorney Jenkins served as the First Assistant United States Attorney from March 16, 2004 to August 20, 2004. Prior to that, he served from September 2002 as the Criminal Chief for the U.S. Attorney's Office where he was responsible for supervising the day-to-day operation of the District's criminal division. He also served as the managing Assistant U.S. Attorney in the St. Thomas' division prior to being appointed as criminal chief and from January 2001 to April 2002, he served as the lead Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force attorney in the Virgin Islands.

Prior to his federal service, Attorney Jenkins served as an Assistant State Prosecutor for the Fourth Judicial Circuit in Jacksonville, Florida from July 1984 to January 1990. During his tenure as an Assistant State Attorney, he served as the Deputy Director of the Juvenile and Special Assault Division, before being promoted to Chief Prosecutor of the State Attorney's Office, Clay County Division.

Attorney Jenkins obtained his undergraduate degree from Troy State University where he graduated *Summa Cum Laude* with a bachelor of science degree, and received his *juris doctor* degree from Mercer University School of Law in 1984. He is a member, in good standing, of the Florida State Bar and is the recipient of numerous awards and commendations including the Director's Award and Special Achievement Awards for his work as a federal prosecutor.

Prior to his legal career, Attorney Jenkins served in the United States Army where he received the prestigious "Army Commendation Medal." He has received numerous awards and commendations for his service as a prosecutor. For his work as a federal prosecutor, his awards include the Director's Award from the Executive Office for U.S.

Attorneys (EOUSA), and numerous Special Achievement Awards. For his work as a state prosecutor, Attorney Jenkins was awarded the Victim Advocate of the Year Award by the Mayor of Jacksonville, Florida for his service to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. He is also a member of *Kappa Alpha Psi* fraternity.

As a child, Attorney Jenkins developed an appreciation and love for music that continues today. He started his music career in primary school as a member of the Peewee Band, and developed it in high school where he and five other band members won first place in the State of Georgia's Future Farmers of America String Band Contest. Attorney Jenkins occasionally performs with local musicians.

Next to music, Attorney Jenkins enjoys visiting local schools and meeting with young men to discuss career goals and academic achievement. He is dedicated to the youth of the Virgin Islands and plans to continue the strong outreach programs that the office currently sponsors.

Attorney Jenkins will be sworn in by Honorable Curtis V. Gomez, U.S. District Court Judge. The Master of Ceremonies will be the former United States Attorney David M. Nissman.